

# letters

Editor's note: We would like to point out that Ira Nayman is a male.

## Nayman's article destructive

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Ira Nayman's article entitled "Massacre shows men use women as scapegoats" which appeared in the January 11 issue of *Excalibur*.

It was unfortunate and disturbing that Miss Nayman insistently compared men in general to Marc Lepine, the assassin of 14 women at the University of Montreal. Her article read, "Marc Lepine's impulse to gun down 'feminists'... is the same one that... makes men believe that all women want sex from them, that if a woman says no, the man is justified in forcing her." As disturbing, was her statement, "... it is time society recognized that the conditions exist in every man that, under the right circumstances, could unleash a killer."

Admittedly and unfortunately, violence against women is a serious problem demanding further attention in this country, but to make such a sweeping generalization that the impulse of men is the same one that compelled Marc Lepine to murder, is not only destructive but wrong as it has no factual basis whatsoever.

Being of the male sex and a male feminist, I resent such a generalization. While I agree with Miss Nayman that we must reduce

the impulse to violence, her scornful letter will only serve to perpetuate misunderstanding between the sexes. We must stop pointing the finger of blame at one another and work to create an environment of understanding so that we can work cooperatively towards solving this problem.

Sincerely,  
Frank Clarke

## Nayman writes anti-male propaganda

Dear Editors:

I can only assume that the motivation behind your including Ira Nayman's opinion on the Montreal massacre in your Jan. 11 issue was to provoke responses such as mine. You have undoubtedly heard feminists express opinions such as hers many times since the massacre and, seeing the widespread criticism they received, you must have decided that this would be a great way of getting attention and reader response.

Well, it worked. I'm sure that mine is not the only letter you have received concerning this article. Unfortunately, since criticism of such opinions has been so abundant, there is nothing new left to be said. What follows, therefore, is merely a summing up of the two major criticisms of opinions such

as Ms. Nayman's.

First, though I have had no major disputes with the feminist cause in the past, their treatment of the Montreal massacre has destroyed much of the respect I previously allowed them. To exploit a horrifying and tragic situation that disgusts members of both sexes and use it as a vehicle for anti-male propaganda is an abomination. Rather than giving increased credibility to their claims, as the feminists seem to think their remonstrations over the so-called implications of the massacre does, instead it offends and turns people against them.

Second, to imply that all males are capable of doing and, indeed, liable to do what Lepine did is, aside from being insulting to most males, prejudicial and presumptuous. No one can claim to know why Lepine did what he did, much less claim that all men have the same motivation as him. The only thing anyone can be sure of is that Lepine was deranged, and therefore subject to drives no sane man can be accused of possessing. Exceptions cannot be used as examples of the majority, and therefore males are entirely justified in taking extreme offense when Levine is used to exemplify their gender.

To shamelessly exploit a tragedy and, what's more, to use it to spread prejudicial, insulting propaganda goes beyond disgusting and into the realm of disgraceful. It is unfortunate that the feminists who use this tactic still, after all the reproof thrown back at them, don't seem to realize what a discredit their actions are to their cause.

Doug Sinclair

## Nayman claims men are killers

Dear Editor:

After having read the opinion column of the January 11 edition, I am curious as to where opinion ends and outright libel begins.

The article was entitled "Massacre shows men use women as scapegoates" and immediately sets the tone for what goes on to be a very unfair and untruthful "opinion." To say that all males are responsible for having these malicious feelings towards all women is false. This however is the main point of the article.

Indeed, to quote the author, Ira Nayman, "the conditions exist in every man that... could unleash a killer." I am truly amazed at the way in which ALL men are killers and ALL women are victims.

It is unfortunately true that some males are prone to violence, whether due to upbringing or mental problems, it can hardly be rationally that all males have these problems. I would go so far as to guess that most males are not like this 'in bred killing machine' that we are labelled as in the article. To say that because Male A has a problem accepting women in certain roles therefore ALL males have this problem is a poor use of one's logic.

It has been shown that Marc Lepine killed the women because he had a problem with "feminist" women. This was his problem. True, some men resent radical

feminist women. But they too are in the minority.

Finally, I am writing this not because I in any way wish to justify the hideous killings in Montreal. What happened is a stain on all Canadians as well as all males. But Canadians are no more responsible as a group than males. To give a label to an entire group shows a lack of tolerance. When tolerance ends, so does rational thought.

Sincerely,  
Erik R. Pittock


## Nayman's observation shallow

Dear Editors:

I wish to address the article, "Massacre shows men use women as scapegoats" in the January 11 issue. To say that I was shocked when I read this article would be an injustice to my emotions. That in an enlightened environment such as we have here at York, a person could unequivocally state that the actions of one individual represented that of the remainder of the population is so shallow that I hesitated in writing this for fear of giving these observations credibility. I could not, however, suppress my urge to respond.

"Men today need scapegoats for their alienation and perceived failure." When a high abstract such as 'men' is used, I feel compelled to include myself. Am I to feel ashamed for being a man? I

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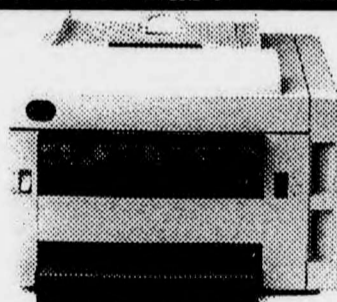
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